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Additional draft recommendations on indigenous children and youth submitted by members of the Forum

Additional paragraphs submitted by Ida Nicolaisen

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends that both States and indigenous peoples' organizations include youth representatives in their delegations attending the annual session of the Forum.

2. The Forum recommends that in staffing the secretariat of the Forum, due consideration be given to qualified indigenous youth applicants.

Additional paragraphs submitted by Wilton Littlechild

1. The Forum recommends that the Committee on the Rights of the Child, at its special discussion day on the indigenous child, to be held on 19 September 2003, in addition to considering reports from States parties, pay special attention to issues related to safeguarding the integrity of indigenous families.

2. The Forum, deeply concerned about the harmful and widespread impact of armed conflict on indigenous children, recommends that the Committee on the Rights of the Child make recommendations on the situation of the human rights of indigenous children involved in armed conflict, taking into account the principles and norms contained in the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

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